

## CHAPTER 41

KEOKUK AND HAMILTON MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE COMPANY AND  
HANCOCK COUNTY BRIDGE COMPANY

H. F. 307

AN ACT to legalize the consolidation of the Keokuk & Hamilton Mississippi River Bridge Company with the Hancock County Bridge Company and the amendment and renewal of the articles of consolidation of the consolidated company for a term of fifty (50) years, beginning August first, nineteen hundred eighteen (1918).

WHEREAS, doubts may arise from time to time as to the legality of the consolidation of the Keokuk & Hamilton Mississippi River Bridge Company with the Hancock County Bridge Company, corporations formed under the laws of the states of Iowa and Illinois, respectively, to build and maintain a railway, wagon and foot bridge across the Mississippi river between the cities of Keokuk in Iowa and Hamilton in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, doubts may also arise as to whether or not, under the laws of Iowa, the corporate existence of the consolidated company, known as the Keokuk and Hamilton Bridge Company, continued after August first, nineteen hundred eighteen (1918); and

WHEREAS, said consolidated company in the years 1869 and 1870 erected said bridge under the laws of congress and of said states and has ever since and now is duly maintaining and operating said bridge in all respects; and

WHEREAS, on the twenty-fourth (24) day of March, nineteen hundred twenty-four (1924), a duly called special election was held for the purpose of renewing the corporate existence of said consolidated company for another period of fifty (50) years, beginning with August first, nineteen hundred eighteen (1918), with an offer by those in favor of such renewal to purchase stock of those opposed thereto, at its real value; and

WHEREAS, at such election a majority of the votes cast was in favor of such renewal; and

WHEREAS, the special act of the state of Illinois incorporating said Hancock County Bridge Company was without limit as to duration; therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. **Consolidation legalized.** That the consolidation of the  
2 Keokuk & Hamilton Mississippi River Bridge Company with the Han-  
3 cock County Bridge Company is hereby legalized and validated in all  
4 respects.

1 SEC. 2. **Franchises and privileges legalized.** That the corporate  
2 existence and the franchises and privileges of the consolidated com-  
3 pany, known as the Keokuk and Hamilton Bridge Company, are hereby  
4 legalized and extended for a period of fifty (50) years from August  
5 first, nineteen hundred eighteen (1918), and all its acts and doings  
6 since the date aforesaid are valid and legalized, with the same force  
7 and effect as during its previous corporate existence.

1 SEC. 3. **Filing.** This act shall not take effect until the consolidated  
2 company known as the Keokuk & Hamilton Mississippi River Bridge

3 Company shall have filed with the secretary of state its renewal  
4 articles of incorporation together with a certificate of the adoption  
5 thereof and shall have paid to the secretary of state a renewal fee  
6 equal to the renewal, filing and recording fees as is provided by law  
7 for the renewal of incorporations of like kind and character.

1 **SEC. 4. To issue certificate.** Upon the payment of the renewal, fil-  
2 ing and recording fees as provided herein, the secretary of state shall  
3 issue a certificate of renewal as is provided by law.

1 **SEC. 5. Litigation.** Nothing in this act shall affect pending litiga-  
2 tion.

1 **SEC. 6. Publication.** This act being deemed of immediate impor-  
2 tance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication  
3 in the Des Moines Register, a newspaper published in the city of Des  
4 Moines, and the Daily Gate City, a newspaper published in the city  
5 of Keokuk, said publication to be without expense to the state.

Approved April 12, A. D. 1924.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Register, April 17,  
1924, and the Daily Gate City, Keokuk, April 17, 1924.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 42

### KEOKUK AND HAMILTON BRIDGE COMPANY

H. F. 328

AN ACT to amend house file No. 307, acts of the fortieth general assembly, extra  
session, relating to the legalization of acts of Keokuk and Hamilton Bridge Company.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 **SECTION 1. Correct name.** That house file No. 307, acts of the  
2 fortieth general assembly, extra session, be amended by striking from  
3 line two (2) of section three (3) thereof, the words, "Mississippi  
4 river".

1 **SEC. 2. Litigation.** Nothing in this act shall affect pending litiga-  
2 tion.

1 **SEC. 3. Publication.** This act being deemed of immediate impor-  
2 tance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication  
3 in the Des Moines Register, a newspaper published in the city of Des  
4 Moines and the Daily Gate City, a newspaper published in the city of  
5 Keokuk, said publication to be without expense to the state.

Approved April 26, A. D. 1924.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Daily Gate City, Keokuk, May  
2, 1924, and the Des Moines Register, May 2, 1924.

W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*